Spectrum Scale AI ecosystem and how it supports GPU based workloads including Power AI



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Spectrum Scale AI

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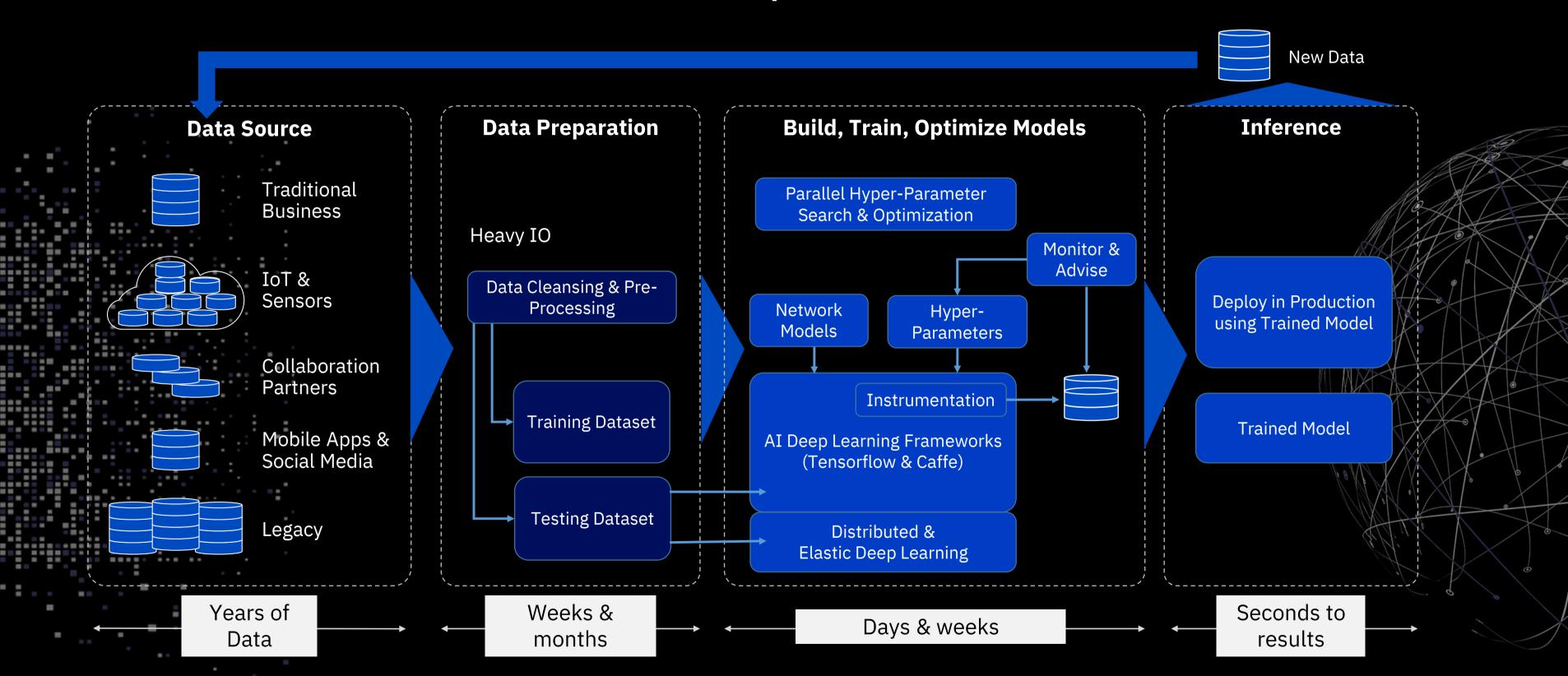
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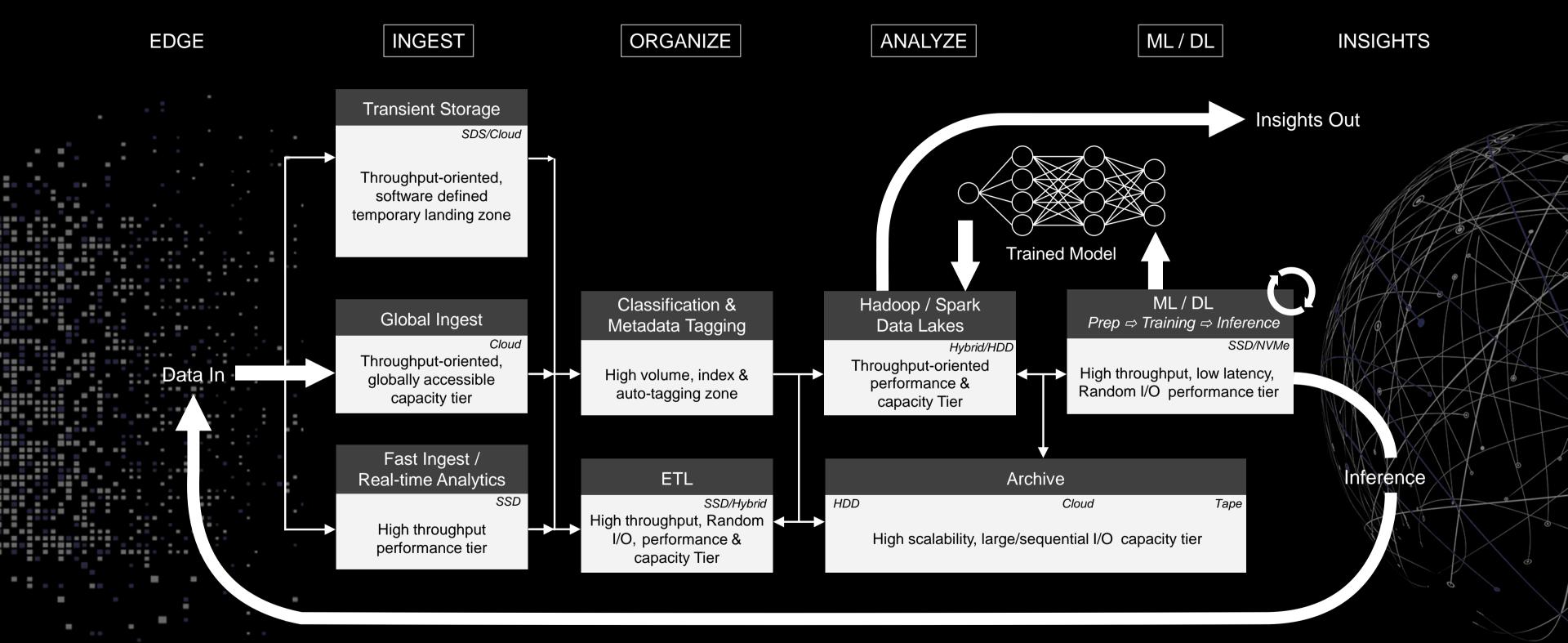
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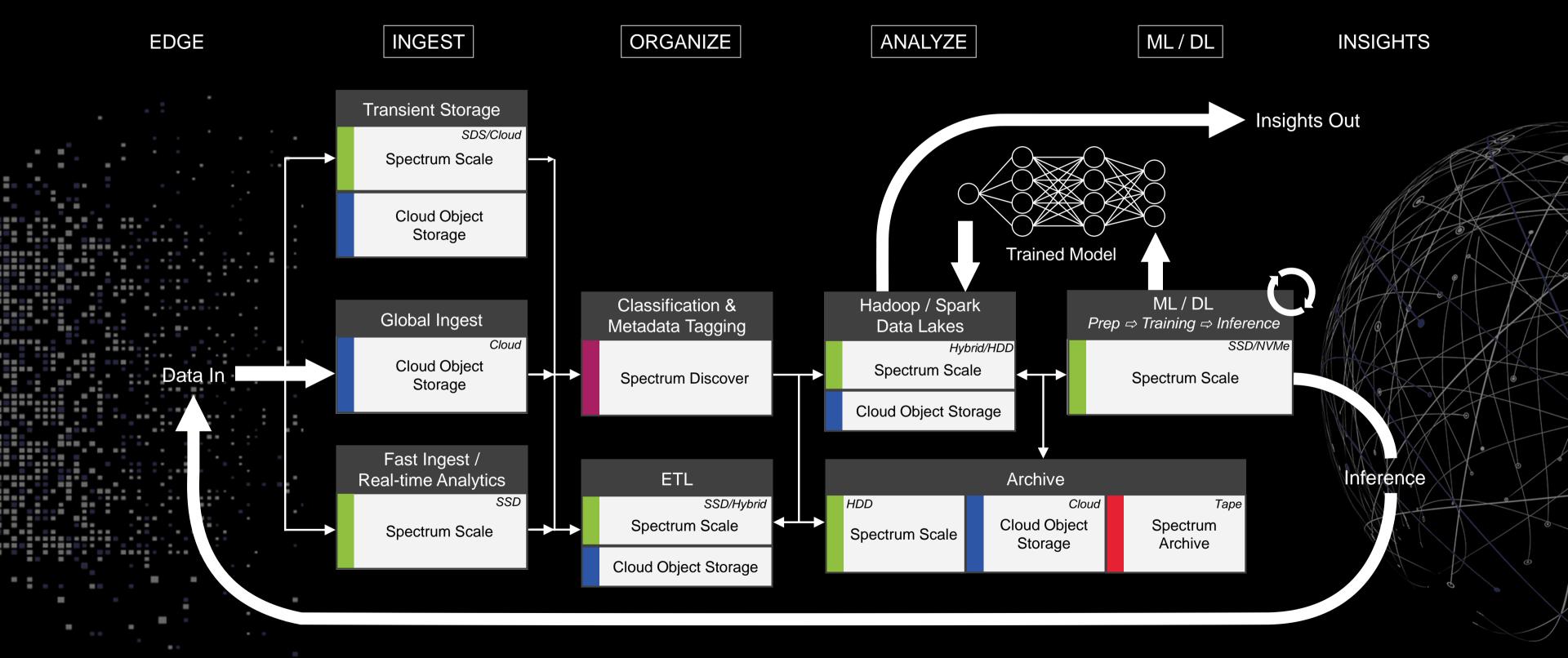
Workflow and Data Flow is complex



Enterprise Data Pipeline with IBM Spectrum Storage



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Integration of HDFS in CES

- HDFS Transparency becomes an integral part of Spectrum Scale
- Easy setup of HDFS Transparency using existing CES mechanisms e.g. "mmces service enable"
- Only NameNodes will be managed by CES
- HDFS clients always talk to the same CES IP (for NameNode requests)
- CES monitors the NameNode and moves the CES IP to another available node if something goes wrong
- Multiple HDFS clusters supported through multiple CES groups

IBM Spectrum Scale Cluster

Special CES Group with single IP

CES Node
(Active HDFS NameNode)

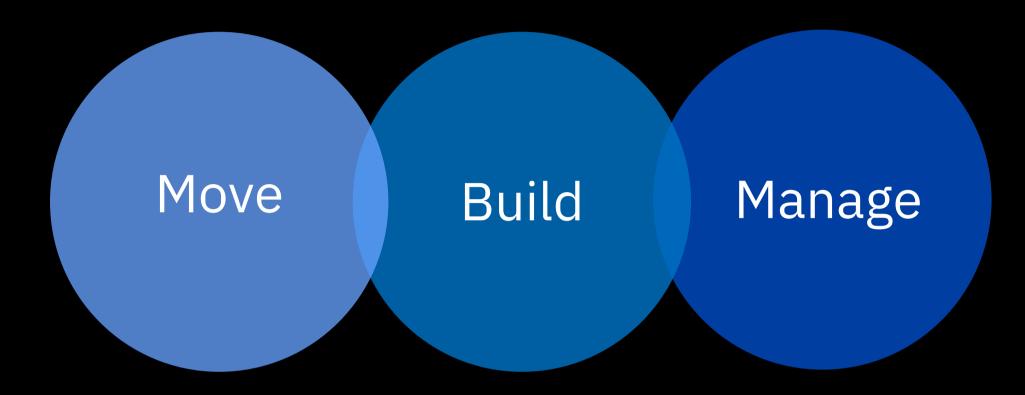
If the Active NameNode fails,
CES will move the IP to a working NameNode

Regular GPFS Nodes
(HDFS DataNodes)

HDFS Client

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Journey to cloud requires an open, hybrid approach



Portable

Future proof by building once, deploying anywhere for flexible data and workload placement

Container platform

Predictable

Open and integrated consistent management services that ensure operational integrity and reduce cost

Operational services

Productive

Integrated and secure containerized software for an agile, yet governed, enterprise

Containerized software secure by design

Goal: Deliver High Performance File Services to Containerized Application Workloads

Support Workloads that Require High Performance File Services

- Analytics & Cognitive
- High Performance Computing
- AI Data Pipeline

Support the Workload Ecosystem in the Cloud

- Containerized Applications, Storage
- Ephemeral and Persistent Storage Volumes

Flexible Deployment

• Dynamic Provisioning, Configuration, Upgrade

Support for Multiple Clouds

• Public, Private, Hybrid

Support Hybrid Use Cases

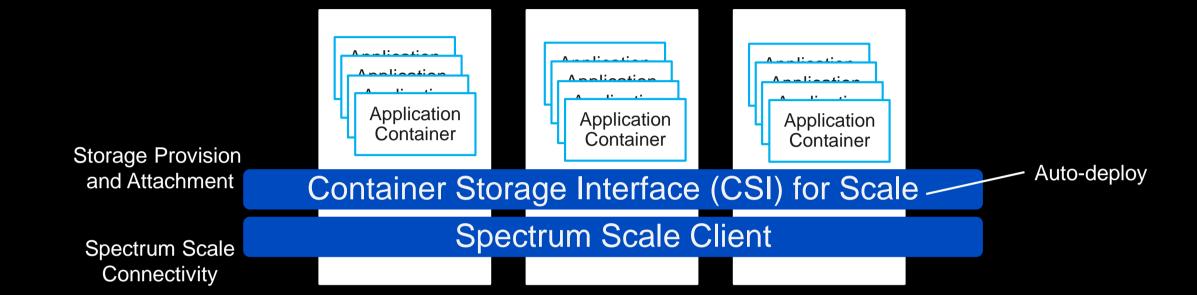
- Cloud Burst Single Name Space
- Multi Cloud Data Sharing
- Archive
- High Performance Tiering

Solution Integration (Partners)

Spectrum Scale Containers Models

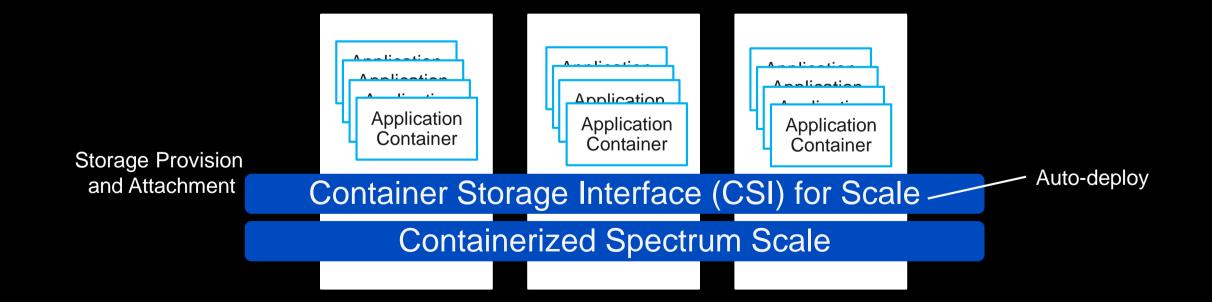
Storage for Containers

Container Ready Storage



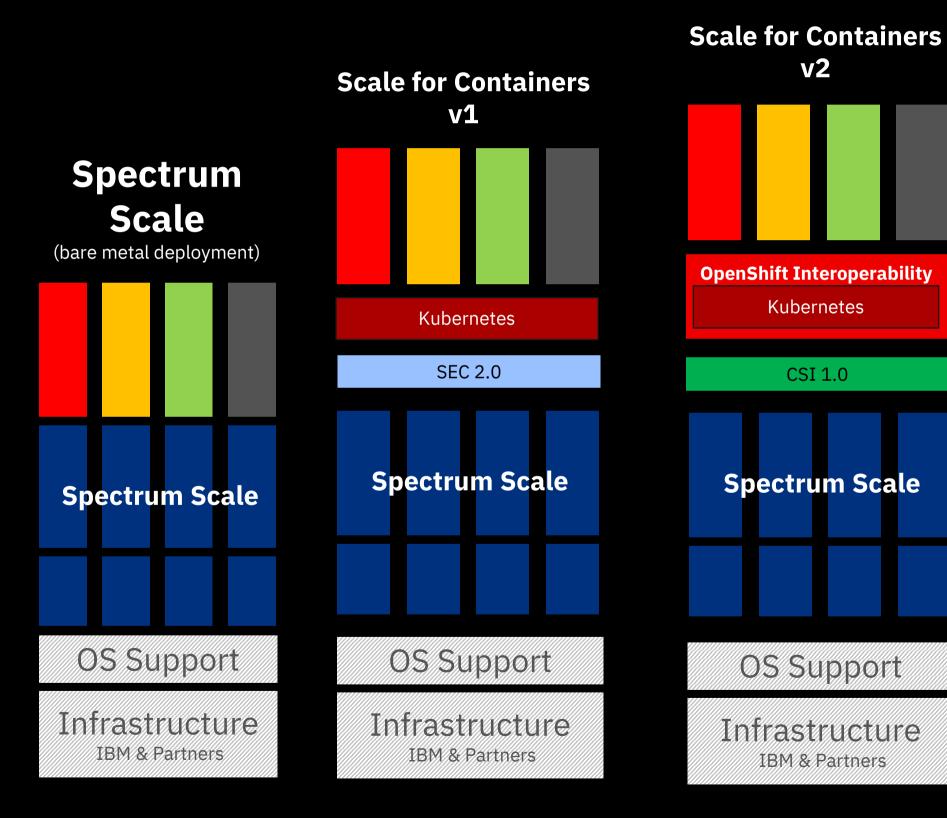
Storage in Containers

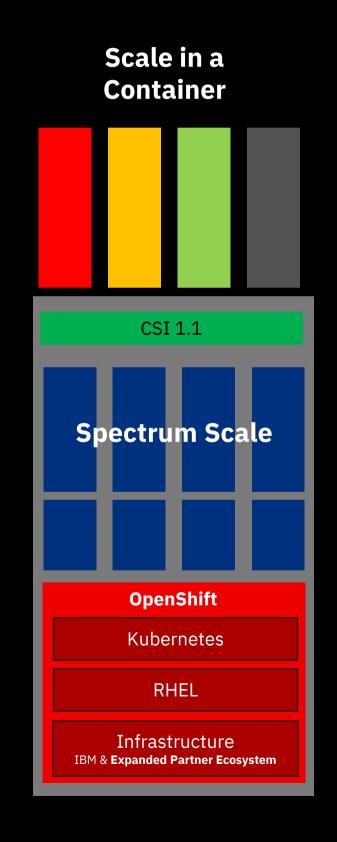
Containerized Storage

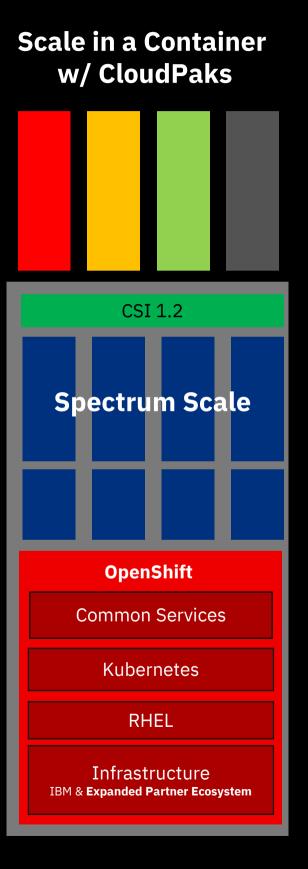




Evolution of IBM Spectrum Scale Containers

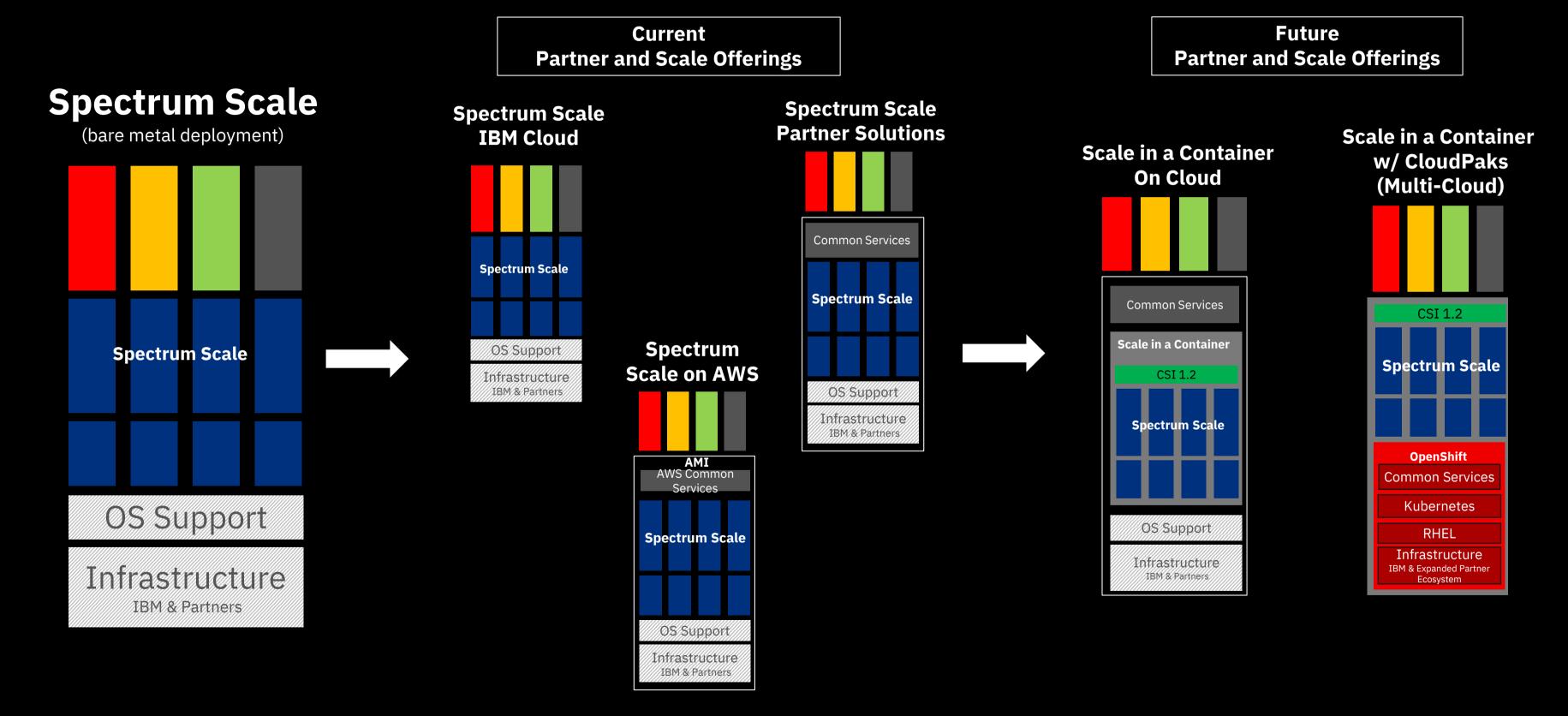








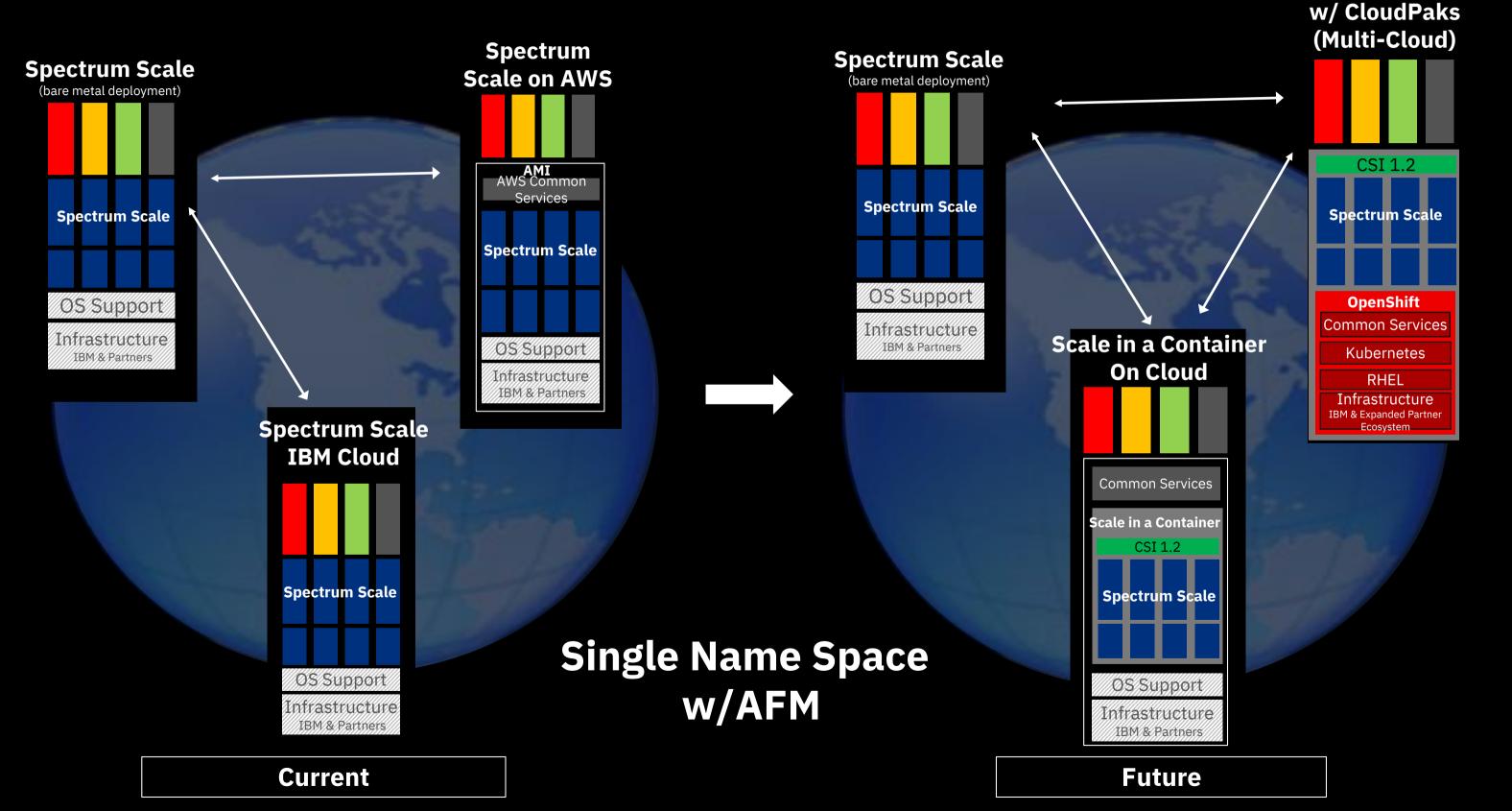
Evolution of IBM Spectrum Scale on Cloud





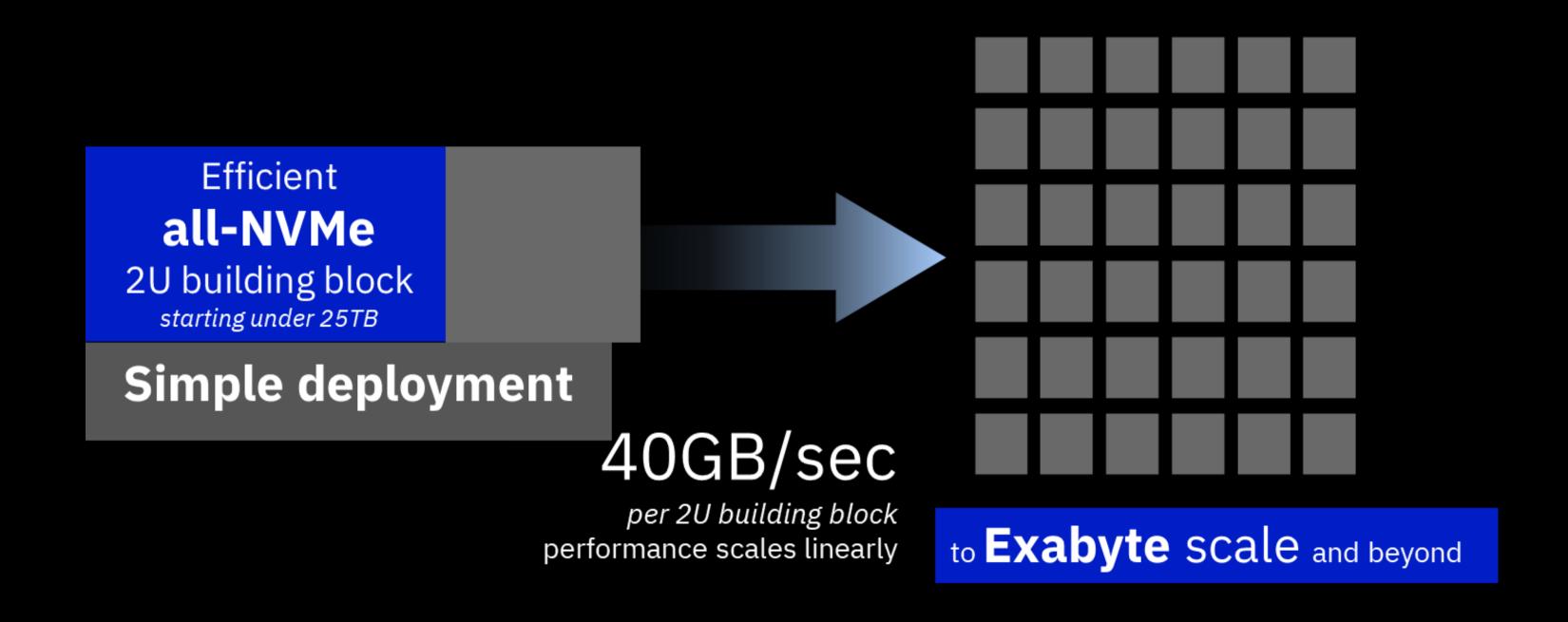
Scale in a Container

Evolution of Hybrid Cloud with IBM Spectrum Scale



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Start small and scale easily from experiment to production at enterprise scale



NVMe Flash for AI and Big Data Workloads IBM Elastic Storage System 3000

All-new storage solution

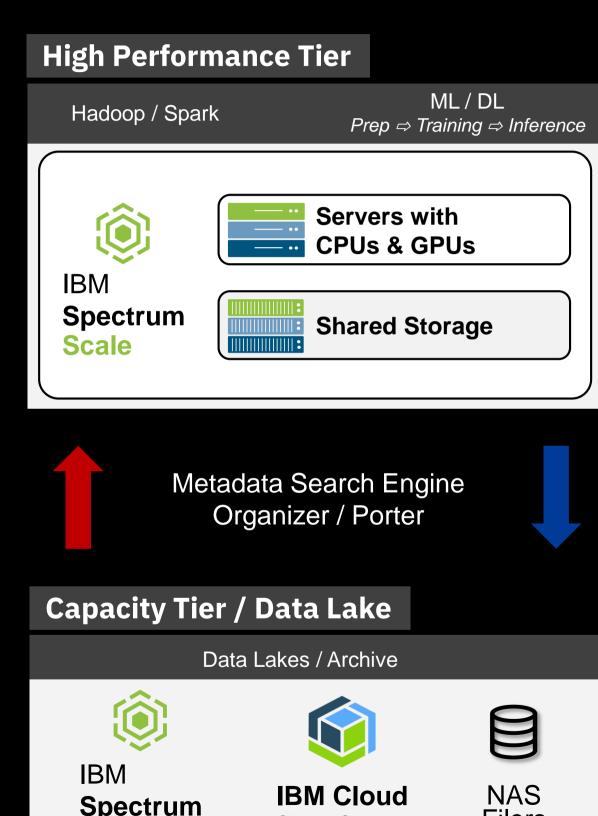
- Leverages proven FS9100 technology
- Integrated scale-out advanced data management with end-toend NVMe storage
- Containerized software for ease of install and update
- Fast initial configuration, update and scale-out expansion
- Performance, capacity, and ease of integration for AI and Big Data workflows



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Data Accelerator for AI and Analytics Infrastructure

- Performance Tier
 - Maximize performance of storage: \$/IOP & \$/GB/s are key
 - Low latency random I/O & High bandwidth sequential
 - Relatively small compared to Capacity tier (say 5-25%)
 - Can be Lower Durability, Lower Availability, Lower Reliability, if Architected properly
 - No Geo-distribution
- Capacity Tier (aka "Data Lake")
 - Minimize the cost of storage: \$/TB is key
 - High Durability, Availability, Reliability, Geo-distribution



Object Storage

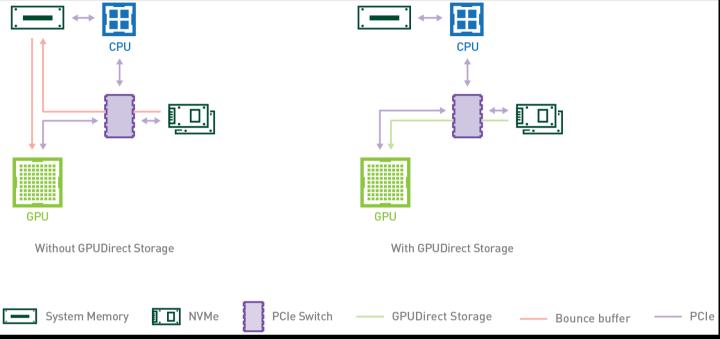
Scale

Filers

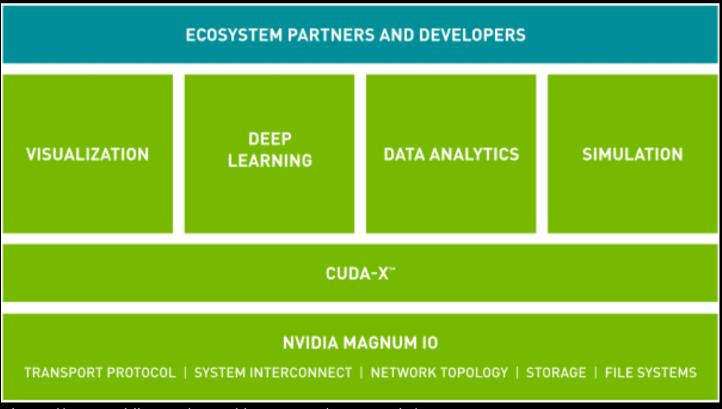
Analyze

Accelerating data for NVIDIA GPUs

- NVIDIA Magnum IO is a collection of software APIs and libraries to optimize storage and network I/O performance in multi-GPU, multi-node processing environments.
 NVIDIA developed Magnum IO in close collaboration with storage industry leaders, including IBM.
- Collaboration with Nvidia continues to align Spectrum Scale's pagepool with GPU memory ("pagepool tiering")



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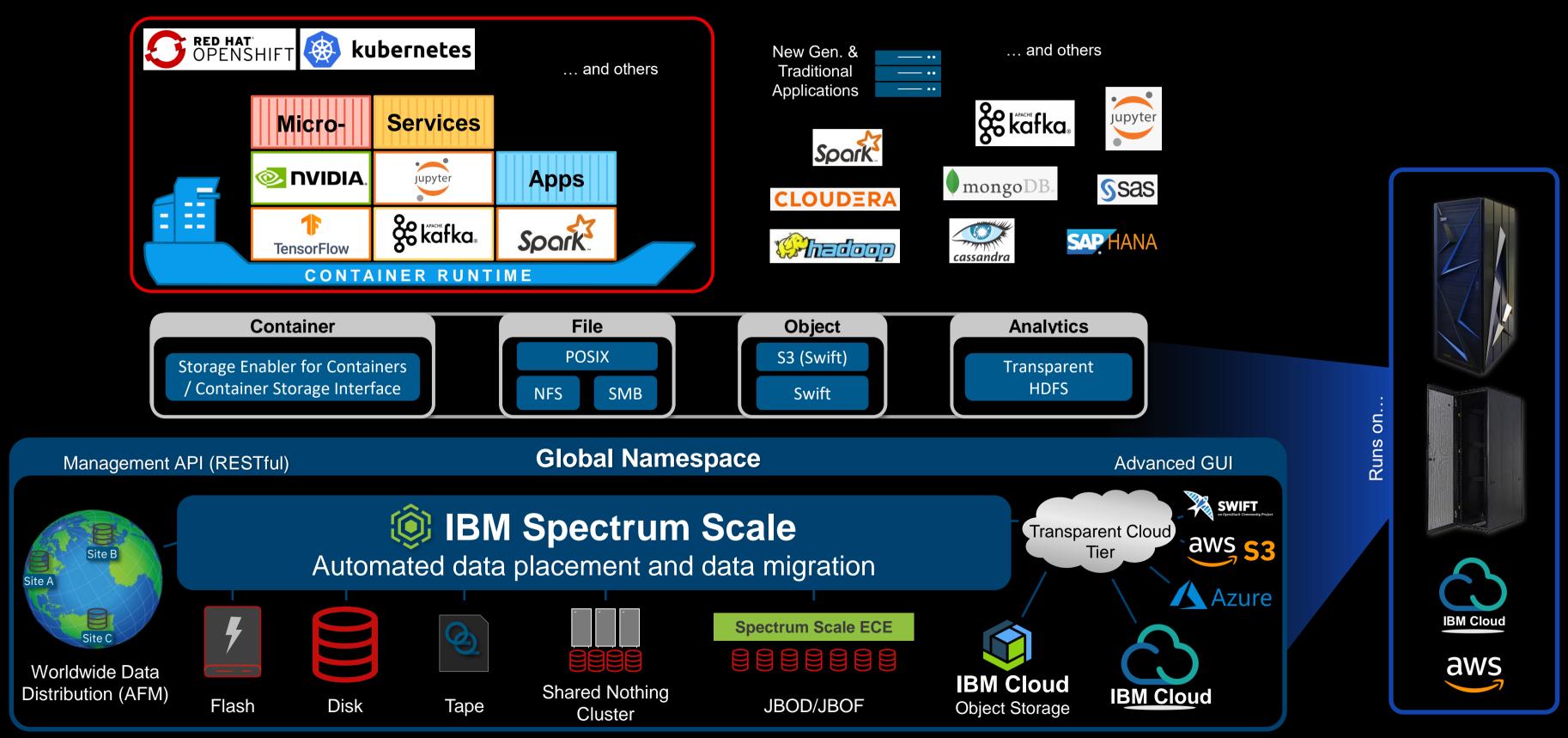


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